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FOR THE SECRETARY THROUGH ATHERTON FROM NEA

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SUBJECT ACTION MEMORANDUM: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

TO SYRIAN PRIMEMINSTER KHULAYFAWI AND FOREIGN MINISTER

KHADDAM (S/S NO. 7617138)

1. AMBASSADOR MURPHY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES BE SENT FROM EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER KHULAYFAWI IN CONNECTION WITH HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT TO THAT POSITION. HE HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SEND A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO KHADDAM IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REAPPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. WE BELIEVE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO BOTH MEN ARE IN ORDER, BUT WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THEM COME FROM YOU. WE HAVE PREPARED TEXTS FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

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THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED TELEGRAM TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS CONTAINING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM YOU TO KHULAYFAWI AND KHADDAM.

4. PROPOSED CABLE TO DAMASCUS:

ACTION ADDRESSEE: IMMEDIATE DAMASCUS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GREETINGS FROM SECRETARY TO PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI AND FONMIN KHADDAM

REF: DAMASCUS 5228

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM ME TO PRIME MINISTER KHULAYFAWI AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM:

BEGIN TEXT (KHULAYFAWI): DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES AS YOU ONCE AGAIN ASSUME THE CHALLENGING POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA. I TRUST THAT THE SYRIAN PEOPLE, GUIDED BY YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THAT OF PRESIDENT ASAD, WILL SEE A FUTURE OF INCREASING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY. LET ME ALSO SAY HOW MUCH I HOPE THAT, DURING YOUR TENURE IN OFFICE, THERE WILL BE ACCELERATED PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THIS ABOUT. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT (KHADDAM): DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM GRATIFIED THAT YOU ARE TO RETAIN YOUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SYRIA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW GOVERNMENT. I KNOW FROM OUR CLOSE CONTACT IN RECENT YEARS WITH WHAT ENERGY AND DEDICATION YOU HAVE DEVOTED YOURSELF TO THE SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

DEPARTMENT HAS NO PLANS TO MAKE THESE MESSAGES PUBLIC, BUT

DOES NOT OBJECT IF SARG WISHES TO DO SO. END OF PROPOSED
MESSAGE TO DAMASCUS.

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